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QUARTERLY REPORT PERFORMANCE NOTIFICATION

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The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received Mitsubishi's quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30, 1999, as required under Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 573.6. The following safety recall campaign is being reviewed:

99V-066.002: 1,731 Mitsubishi 1995 Galant model vehicles built in Japan and manufactured from March 29, 1995, through April 14, 1995. The rubber boot on the lower lateral arm ball joint could get damaged and allow dirt and water intrusion. This can cause extraordinary wear on the ball joint. Mitsubishi's second quarterly report for this campaign indicates that only 122 vehicles have been inspected and corrected leaving the completion rate at 7.3 percent.

ODI is concerned about the low completion rate for this safety recall campaign and would like to see a meaningful increase in the completion rate in future reporting quarters.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call:

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